



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KAWATA, Keiichi et al.**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 9, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **November 15, 2002**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-11; Group (II), Claims 12-17 and Group (III), Claims 18-19.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-11 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

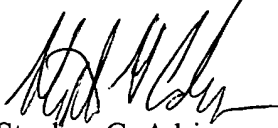
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